

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-25, 52-54, and 57-67 have been amended and new claims 68-70 have been added. Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-25, 52-54, and 57-70 are pending, with claims 1, 52, and 67 being independent. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

Request for Interview Prior to Next Office Action

The applicants respectfully request an interview prior to the next Office Action, unless the Examiner should determine that the present Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation between Examiner Amelia L. Rutledge and the undersigned attorney on July 26, 2007, the Examiner agreed that an interview would be helpful to advance the prosecution of the present application. However, the attorney will not be available for an interview until after August 20, 2007, and will contact the Examiner at that time to schedule an interview.

Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection

Please enter the Amendment After Final Rejection of July 2, 2007, that was denied entry in the Advisory Action of July 20, 2007, as allegedly raising new issues that would have required further consideration and/or search.

Request for Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement of April 28, 2006

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 28, 2006. However, the Examiner did not provide initialed and signed copies of the "List of References Cited by Applicant" and the "List of Copending Applications" included in the Information Disclosure Statement to indicate that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered with the Final Office Action of May 5, 2006, or the Advisory Action of August 21, 2006, or the Office Action of November 9, 2006, or the Final Office Action of May 1, 2007. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide such signed and initialed copies with the next Office Action, even if that Office Action is an Advisory Action.

The above request was also presented on page 11 of the Amendment After Final Rejection of July 2, 2007. In response to these arguments, the Examiner states as follows on page 3 of the Advisory Action of July 20, 2007:

Applicant has requested consideration of the IDS filed 04/28/2006 (Remarks, p. 11, par. 2), however, the IDS filed on 04/28/2006 was already considered and signed on 8/17/06 and was mailed on 8/21/06.

The applicants have inspected the image file wrapper of the application, and it does in fact contain a paper dated August 21, 2006, entitled "List of References cited by applicant and considered by examiner" that is a copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant and the List of Copending Applications from the Information Disclosure Statement of April 28, 2006, initialed signed, and dated by the Examiner on August 17, 2006. However, this paper was not attached to the copy of the Advisory Action of August 21, 2006, that was received in the offices of the undersigned attorney. Nor did the Examiner complete item 12 on page 1 of the Advisory Action (the form PTOL-303) to indicate that this paper was supposed to be attached to the Advisory Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide a copy of this paper with the next Office Action.

Request for Consideration of Reference Cited in Information Disclosure Statement

The Advisory Action of July 20, 2007, includes a copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant from the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2007, on which the Examiner has drawn a line through the listing of the reference entitled "Parsing XML Document by Using DOM" to indicate that this reference has not been considered. On page 3 of the Advisory Action of July 20, 2007, the Examiner states as follows:

The information disclosure statement filed 06/20/2007 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance for Reference "AJ", as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each reference listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

However, the Examiner did in fact consider the other two references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement as indicated by the Examiner's initials by the listings of these references on the copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant included in the Advisory Action of July 20, 2007.

Furthermore, the reference entitled "Parsing XML Document by Using DOM" (Reference AJ) that was not considered by the Examiner is cited in the Chinese Office Action cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2007, and the concise explanation of the relevance of the reference entitled "Parsing XML Document by Using DOM" required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is provided by the English translation of the Chinese Office Action provided with the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2007, as indicated in item 9a on page 3 of the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2007, and as permitted by the following statement in MPEP 609.04(a)(III):

Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication on a search report.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the reference entitled "Parsing XML Document by Using DOM" (Reference AJ) be considered in the next Office Action.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-25 and 52-67 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamkin et al. (Lamkin) (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0078144). The rejection of claims 4, 5, 14, 55, and 56 is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims in the Amendment After Final Rejection of July 2, 2007. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-25, 52-54, and 57-67 is respectfully traversed insofar as it may be deemed to be applicable to claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-25, 52-54, and 57-67 in their present form and to new claims 68-70 depending directly or indirectly from independent claim 1.

It is submitted that Lamkin does not disclose or suggest "a retrieving unit to retrieve interactive digital content, the interactive digital content comprising: audio/video (AV) data; and a markup document supporting an interactive function for reproducing the AV data and comprising a command program, the command program comprising a cookie generation command program" and "an interpreter to receive the command program from the DOM tree forming unit; wherein the interpreter executes the cookie generation command program of the command program to: generate a cookie comprising: cookie data to be used by the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus in a subsequent interactive digital content reproducing operation performed in the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus; and a domain attribute identifying the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus as a domain; and store the cookie in the non-volatile data storage portion of the data storage unit" as now recited in independent claim 1.

Also, it is submitted that Lamkin does not disclose or suggest the features "wherein the interactive digital content of the information storage medium comprises: audio/video (AV) data; and a markup document supporting an interactive function for reproducing the AV data and comprising a cookie generation command program" and "wherein the cookie generation command program controls the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus to: generate a cookie comprising: cookie data to be used by the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus in a subsequent interactive digital content reproducing operation performed in the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus; and a domain attribute identifying the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus as a domain; and store the cookie in the non-volatile data storage portion of the data storage unit" now recited in independent claim 52.

Also, it is submitted that Lamkin does not disclose or suggest retrieving interactive digital content comprising: audio/video (AV) data; and a markup document supporting an interactive function for reproducing the AV data and comprising a cookie generation command program" and "generating a cookie using the cookie generation command program, the cookie comprising: cookie data to be used by the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus in a subsequent interactive digital content reproducing operation performed in the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus; and a domain attribute identifying the interactive digital content reproducing apparatus as a domain; and storing the cookie in the non-volatile data storage portion of the data storage unit" as now recited in independent claim 67.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-25, 52-54, and 57-67 (i.e., claims 1, 52, and 67 discussed above and claims 2, 3, 6-13, 15-25, 53, 54, and 57-67 depending directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 52) under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamkin be withdrawn, and that new claims 68-70 depending directly or indirectly from claim 1 be allowed.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

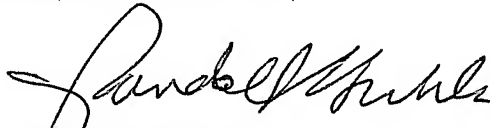
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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